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Claire Tobin will look for a more fuel-efficient car when buying a new vehicle. Tobin spends about \$110 a month on gas.

Chebucto widening hits bump

Council deadlocks on awarding tender

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

The city's plan to widen Chebucto Road has hit a "bump in the road," says Quinpool-Connaught Coun. Sheila Fougere.

Yesterday, regional council voted 11-11 against awarding the \$2.08-million tender for the project, which had previously been approved 15-9.

"It essentially delays the project by another week, which substantially doesn't make a whole lot of difference. I look at it as a moral victory," said Fougere, who's also running for mayor.

Two new councillors weren't part of the original vote: Bedford's Bruce Outhit and Eastern Passage's Jackie Barkhouse.

Eastern Shore Coun. Steve Streatch and Cole Harbour Coun. Harry McInroy weren't present for yesterday's vote.

Kevin and Anne Moynihan of Chebucto Road have led a community battle against the city's wishes to take most of their front lawn, driveway and nearby old-growth trees to widen the road.

"Maybe constituents will call their councillors and say, 'Here's a second chance to vote for public transit and not widen streets,'" Kevin Moynihan said. "We're cautiously optimistic that maybe there will be a realignment of councillors when they have to vote again."

The retired couple recently decided to take up the city's offer to buy the home they've lived in for 17 years. Their deal closes in early July.

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Prepare to pay

Restaurants raising prices to offset the rising cost of fuel

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

fuel surcharge

» Most restaurants are charged a fuel surcharge for delivery of their supplies and ingredients. That bumps up the price of making food even for those eating in.

There are 146 pizza joints in the phonebook. Tourism signs at bus stops proudly advertise our city for its 4 a.m. donairs.

Clearly Halifax has the munchies. But now satisfying those late-night cravings may get more costly thanks to high gas prices.

"We'll be changing our prices soon, and our delivery prices are going up," said Chris Jennings of Revana Pizza in Dartmouth. "Everything is so expensive right now."

Several restaurants contacted by Metro yesterday said they are either raising prices or will likely have to do so soon.

In particular, delivery people are hard hit, often having to pay for their own gas. Now restaurants are looking at instituting or raising delivery fees to pay their employees enough.

One thing that doesn't help is having to make double trips.

"If a customer changes their mind on something, or they don't say it's

debit or Visa on the phone ... then our drivers get mad about it because they've got to go back," said Jennings. "It happens all the time."

Several restaurants said it's getting harder to find delivery people. Joseph Bib, owner of Pizza Girls in Bedford, said he raises his employees' salary every time gas goes up.

"We have to pay the driver because we can't charge the people. People complain about the prices," said Bib.

"So far we haven't done anything about it. However, if (gas prices) keeps going up we probably have to do something," said Josie Brown of Jean's Chinese Restaurant in Halifax.

"Every Thursday night I'll be saying, 'Fill up your cars. Gas is going up tomorrow.'"

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local



P.E.I. potato farmers are donating 27,000 kilograms of potatoes to Nova Scotia food banks. The head of the Island's potato marketing board said he got a call from the food banks saying they needed help to fill their cupboards. The spuds will leave the Island today.

METRO HALIFAX

Hillier named honorary chair

General joins D250 team to give back to N.S.

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Democracy 250 has a brand-new public face: Gen. Rick Hillier.

Former Nova Scotia premier and Democracy 250 co-chair John Hamm announced yesterday Canada's chief of defence staff will be the honorary national chair of the committee.

"When General Hillier speaks, Canadians listen," Hamm told reporters at Province House.

The former premier convinced Hillier, who is retiring as chief of defence in July, to join the team because of his long-standing commitment to democracy in Canada and abroad.

Hillier said he accepted the position for three reasons:



Former premier John Hamm presented Gen. Rick Hillier with a Democracy 250 T-shirt yesterday after naming him the honorary national chair of the committee.

Canadian Forces members like himself work toward democracy every day; the Democracy 250 committee has made a point of highlighting the service of the

men and women of the Canadian Forces; and finally, he felt the need to give back to Nova Scotia.

"A standard has been set here for supporting people

who serve the country," he said.

Throughout his years of military service, he said he's learned Canada has a system of democracy that is envied

worldwide.

He said he's seen the people of Afghanistan walk for hours through hills and mountains to stand in line for the opportunity to cast a

D250 facts

Democracy 250 is a celebration of the birth place of parliamentary democracy in Canada where on Oct. 2, 1758, the Nova Scotia House of Assembly met for the first time.

» Formed in April 2007, the committee is headed by former premiers John Hamm and Russell MacLellan.

» Nova Scotia contributed \$1.2 million in funding and service in 2007-08 and \$2 million in 2008-09.

» A celebration is being planned for Oct. 2, and will include fireworks and a Navy sail past.

vote.

"In Canada, sometimes we're complacent about the values and privileges we have," he said.

He said his mission as honorary chair of the committee will be to educate Canadians about the importance of democracy.

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Top soldier meets family

Canada's top soldier offered his condolences to the family of Capt. Jonathan Snyder at Province House yesterday where flags flew at half mast honouring the young man.

"Be awfully proud of that boy," said Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier.

"His name will not be forgotten and his actions will not be forgotten."

He said Snyder, whose mother, Anne Snyder, lives in

Halifax, paid the ultimate sacrifice for his country.

The 26-year-old officer died tragically last Saturday when he fell into a well while on night patrol in the Zhari district of Kandahar province in Afghanistan.

He was Canada's 85th soldier to die in Afghanistan since the war began and the second to die in less than a week.

ROBYN YOUNG/METRO HALIFAX

Wilson's Fuel cuts service to 12 stations

By PAUL MCLEOD
Metro Halifax

The government was one of many voices sharply criticizing Wilson's Fuel yesterday for its decision to cut off supply to a dozen rural Nova Scotia gas stations.

Wilson's said the price of gas set under regulation would mean selling gas at a loss. It asked the government to use its interruptor

clause to raise gas prices mid-week.

But acting Minister of Service Angus MacIsaac said the government would do no such thing — and Wilson's should be doing fine.

"The system of price set-

gas prices even out

» Minister of Service Angus MacIsaac said that while oil prices spiked over the weekend, they've dropped sharply since, and the gas price regulation system was designed to even out in the long run.

ting we have in place has consistently provided suppliers with a 6.2 cent (per litre) margin," said MacIsaac.

The Nova Scotia Retail gasoline Dealers Association called Wilson's move "insensitive," while NDP Leader

Darrell Dexter said the company was out of touch with its customers.

Wilson's vice-president David Collins told CTV News it was inappropriate for the government to ask Wilson's to sell fuel at a loss.

Collins also said the company is hoping to resume delivery today because crude oil costs have fallen recently.

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A new booklet from the province, 'Loving Care,' aims to help parents learn how to interact with their children and teach them about infant growth and development. Parents of children from birth to age three will start to receive the new booklets this week.

METRO HALIFAX

City votes in favour of condo

Nearly unanimous approval for 19-story building

By LINDSAY JONES
Metro Halifax

The proposed 19-storey building for the corner of South Park and Brenton streets got the green light from council last night.

Councillors voted 21-1 in favour of the W.D. Fares development, which includes condominiums, street-level shopping and two levels of underground parking.

Developer Wadih Fares said he's surprised council voted overwhelmingly for the project.

"But we were always confi-

dent. We believe we had a great thing. It's been a long process. It's great to have a positive result at the end of it," said Fares, adding that he hopes to break ground this fall.

Downtown Coun. Dawn Sloane was the only one to vote against it.

Concerns were raised about the building's proximity to Schmitville, a historic neighbourhood bordering Spring Garden Road, Dresden Row, Morris and Queen streets. Some said wind and shadows would adversely affect their properties, streetscape and nearby parks.

Sloane presented a petition with 90 signatures from her constituents who oppose the development.

"Is this going to affect the

neighbourhood's stability?" she said.

"Is this the thin wedge that's going to slide in and do something without us being able to protect Schmitville?"

Heritage advocate Elizabeth Pacey, who was one of 30 who spoke out at the public hearing, expressed disappointment at the decision. She said the surrounding Schmitville community is the second-oldest residential neighbourhood in Halifax.

"We have to protect the historic neighbourhoods," she said.

Quinpool Connaught Coun. Sheila Fougere said it's unrealistic to predict the building will mean the demise of the neighbourhood.

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JENNIFER TAPLIN/METRO HALIFAX

Psychologist Dr. Michael Vallis chats about motivating people to set targets to reduce their cholesterol levels in his office in Halifax yesterday. A new poll suggests 81 per cent of people who are taking medication to reduce their cholesterol don't even know what healthy target they should be hitting.

Targeting a healthy life

Goals vital to keep cholesterol in check

By JENNIFER TAPLIN
Metro Halifax

When cutting down your cholesterol, it helps to know how far you need to go.

A new survey by Angus Reid suggests 81 per cent of Canadians on medication for high cholesterol don't even know what a healthy cholesterol level looks like.

"So how can you get anywhere if you don't know the destination?" said Michael Vallis, a health psychologist at the OEII.

It's his job to help patients make healthier changes in their lives, whether it's cutting cholesterol or managing diabetes. The survey results weren't at all shocking to Vallis.

"You see it every day," he

quick tips

Tricks to eating better:
» Write reminders and put them on the fridge
» Buy smaller packages of bad-for-you foods.
» Wait 20 minutes when you have a craving (research shows 40 per cent of the time you won't want it later).
» Connect with healthy people.

said.

Unhealthy eating is usually about stress management or socializing, he added.

"It's about the comfort food brings or the social lives we lead."

But people not knowing healthy goals isn't the fault of the family doctor. Vallis said the disconnect happens when the patient has to do the work of changing an unhealthy lifestyle.

"Healthy behaviours are

hard, they kind of go against the grain," he said.

"That's where my job as a health psychologist comes in, trying to help people set goals and achieve the motivation to reach them."

The problem with cholesterol is you can't feel it, Vallis said.

"And one of the basic principles of human functioning is if it isn't broke, don't fix it."

It may be silent, but it's a serious risk factor for cardiovascular disease, which is responsible for the deaths of 36 per cent of Canadians.

"As much as it's a medical goal, it's a behavioural challenge. You have to make choices that are going to result in your cholesterol going down."

Vallis suggests taking small, easily digestible goals since being healthier takes more time and effort.

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Schools get emergency resources

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

If a dangerous animal gets loose in one of Nova Scotia's schools, staff will now have the tools to deal with it — figuratively speaking.

Education Minister Karen Casey introduced the province's first Nova Scotia schools emergency planning resource yesterday.

Const. Mark Young, the department's school safety advisor, developed the resource which boards will use to put together their own emergency response plans.

It's been in the works since the Dawson College shooting in Montreal in 2006 and some of the scenarios covered include targeted violence, severe weather, a power outage and a dangerous animal on the loose.

"The decision-making process is very simple," Young said. "You don't have to read a whole bunch of things to decide what to do next and you can make some very simple, very quick decisions."

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Wash your tomatoes to avoid Salmonella

By ROBYN YOUNG
Metro Halifax

Ridding tomatoes of surface Salmonella is simple.

"Wash 'em," said Mark Richard, spokesman for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Over the past week, a number of Canadian and American food chains including McDonald's, Tim

Hortons and KFC have taken tomatoes off their menus as a precaution in response to an outbreak of illnesses in the U.S. caused by Salmonella Saintpaul.

Richard said the bacteria hasn't been linked to tomatoes shipped to Canada as of yet, but the CFIA is closely monitoring the situation south of the border.

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» **BED** Hospital beds aren't just for hospitals anymore. The Red Cross and the province are expanding their bed loan program from 350 beds to 758. Now with more beds, the Red Cross will be able to offer the service outside of the Halifax area: in Kentville, Sydney and Truro. The Red Cross is also adding two maintenance and delivery workers at each of the new provincial service centres. The bed loan program has been running since 1999 at a cost of about \$743,000 a year.

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Members of the public will be able to see Paul Bernardo, left, and his 31-minute jailhouse interview with police, in which he denies killing Elizabeth Bain, on TV and media websites, a judge has ruled yesterday.

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RCMP knew of Couillard

Were familiar with Bernier's ex before affair became public



tangled web

» Quebec Public Works Minister Michael Fortier dismissed senior Quebec adviser Bernard Côté yesterday after it emerged Côté had a romantic relationship with Julie Couillard last year.

The Mounties have confirmed they knew about Julie Couillard before her bombshell relationship with Maxime Bernier hit the headlines.

Deputy Commissioner Raf Souccar revealed yesterday that Couillard, who has past ties to biker gangs, was no stranger to the force.

"I am familiar with this

matter. I am familiar with Ms. Couillard. However, it would be inappropriate for me to be talking about a specific case," he told the Commons public safety committee.

Asked point-blank whether Couillard was known to the RCMP before she hit the spot-

light last August as Bernier's girlfriend, Souccar replied, "Yes, she was."

Bernier lost his cabinet post just over two weeks ago after Couillard revealed to a French-language television news show that he had left sensitive government papers at her house for more than

five weeks. The Commons committee yesterday launched hearings into Bernier's security slip. But opposition MPs seemed frustrated when Souccar and assistant commissioner Bob Paulson refused to say whether the force had warned government about any potential problems or whether there's an ongoing probe. Couillard has been invited to testify and may early next week.

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Claims disputed ahead of today's official apology

As the prime minister gets set to apologize today for decades of abuse in native residential schools, thousands of former students say they're still owed compensation.

More than 10,000 people have asked for official reviews after they received less cash than claimed or were rejected under a court-monitored program that has paid out \$1.3 billion.

About 250 former students, church officials and other guests have been invited to Parliament Hill to witness Stephen Harper's historic statement on behalf of all Canadians. A total of 93,000 applications have been received for payment of \$10,000 for the first year spent in the schools, and \$3,000 for each subsequent year.

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Harper Warming relations with Chile



Prime Minister Stephen Harper, right, kisses Chilean President Michelle Bachelet during a luncheon in Ottawa yesterday. The two leaders signed a memorandum of understanding Monday to bolster relations between the two countries.

CHRIS WATKINS/REUTERS

Ottawa opening teen drug centre

City committing \$250,000 towards treatment

By TIM WIECLAWSKI
Metro Ottawa

Sometime next year, two long-awaited youth residential drug treatment centres will open their doors in Ottawa.

"I know you've waited a long time for a ... facility for youth. I'm here to say, it's happening now," Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday, in announcing \$5.5 million in addition services funds — including \$2.4 million annually to operate 20 treatment beds at two facilities.

The funds will be used to operate two facilities for youth ages 13 to 17: one will be a 15-bed English facility, the other a five-bed francophone facility. The money to buy and retrofit two facilities — will come from a \$6-million fundraising campaign run through the Ottawa United Way.

Ron Caza, a fundraising campaign co-chair, said it falls to Ottawans to contribute to the campaign, to do their bit to help reduce community drug use that has been identified as a major problem by residents.

"It's going to make this a better community to live in," he said. "This is really going to happen. Now everybody needs to get on board. So if your children or grandchildren ever need this centre, it's going to be there."

Kanata's Meadow Creek facility has been floated as a possible site for the English centre.

Police Chief Vern White said yesterday marked the end of a decades-long pursuit of a youth drug treatment centre for Ottawa.

"Finally, young people will have an option to stay in the city and receive residential drug treatment," he said. "For policing in this city it might be the greatest crime prevention tool and the greatest success story we've ever had."

Mayor Larry O'Brien announced the city would commit \$250,000 annually to expand drug prevention and education programs in schools — an amount matched by the province.

"Sixty to 80 per cent of people who try crack for the first time become addicted, so if you can educate them on that danger, you could keep them from even getting into the pipeline of addiction," he said.

The facility is expected to open in 2009.

funding

» The remaining \$2.6 million will fund street youth outreach, 48 transitional housing beds and funding for an adult detoxification centre.

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» **INUIT** Twenty schools in Newfoundland and Labrador have had their requests to be included in the Indian Residential Schools Settlement Agreement denied, based on technicalities of who ran the schools and what length of time they were operated.

» **MONTREAL** A violent storm overturned seven trucks on the Champlain bridge in Montreal yesterday after a severe thunderstorm warning was issued for the area. One person suffered minor injuries.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pressure grows in Khadr case

Seek detainee's return, Commons rights panel urges

A Commons subcommittee has called on the federal government to immediately seek the return of Guantanamo detainee Omar Khadr for rehabilitation as a child soldier with strict curbs on his freedom if necessary, and for trial in Canada if evidence warrants.

Over stiff opposition from

growing chorus of calls

» The report adds to a growing chorus of calls for the Conservatives to finally weigh in on the American military prosecution of Khadr. He remains the lone Western prisoner held at Guantanamo Bay.

Conservative MPs, the international human rights subcommittee endorsed a report containing seven recommendations that would unshackle Khadr from U.S. custody, and turn him over to Canadian law enforcement.

It declares a firm belief that Khadr, aged 15 at the time he was wounded and captured in a deadly gunfight in Afghanistan, is a child soldier and should not be treated as an adult accused.

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world



Spain will open a telephone helpline for men who feel tempted to physically attack their wives or partners and need to "channel their aggression," the government said.

REUTERS

A study in contrasts

Potential first ladies differ in many respects

Michelle Obama and Cindy McCain share a dislike of rough-edged U.S. politics. Each tried to talk her spouse out of running for the White House.

Obama, wife of Democratic candidate Barack Obama, and McCain, who is married to Republican John McCain, are both known for an elegant sense of style, lending glamour to their husbands' campaigns.

But the aspiring first ladies have plenty of differences.

Obama, 44, is a Princeton- and Harvard-educated lawyer raised by blue-collar parents on the working-class South Side of Chicago.

Until recently, she juggled a job as a hospital executive with raising two young daughters and lending sup-



Michelle Obama



Cindy McCain

port to her 46-year-old husband's political aspirations.

The strong-minded Obama exudes confidence and is an accomplished public speaker. But her penchant for outspokenness has also drawn some criticism.

McCain, 54, the Arizona

senator's second wife, is reserved and seems far less comfortable in the limelight when she campaigns with her husband, who is 18 years her senior.

The blond, blue-eyed McCain is a former rodeo queen and cheerleader who holds a

master's degree in special education from the University of Southern California.

She grew up in a wealthy family in Phoenix and is heiress to Hensley & Co, one of the largest U.S. distributors for brewing giant Anheuser-Busch.

patriot games

» In one comment seized upon by conservative Internet bloggers, Michelle Obama remarked, "For the first time in my adult life, I am proud of my country." That led critics to accuse her of being unpatriotic, saying that her comment made it appear she had not been proud of her country before her husband ran for president.

» A day later, Cindy McCain told a campaign rally, "I am proud of my country. I don't know about you, if you heard those words earlier — I am very proud of my country."

Last month, she released a tax return showing she made about \$6 million in 2006. McCain has raised four children, including a daughter, Bridget, 16, whom she adopted from Mother Teresa's orphanage in Bangladesh.

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austria

Eldest incest child wakes from coma

CASE The eldest daughter from an incestuous relationship between Austrian Josef Fritzl and his daughter, whom he kept locked in a cellar for 24 years, has been revived from an artificial coma, hospital sources said yesterday.

Doctors put her into an artificial coma after she suffered from cramping fits due to oxygen deficiency and kidney problems and was brought from the cellar to hospital by Fritzl.

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china

Don't ruin Games, Dalai Lama told

OLYMPICS China yesterday called on the Dalai Lama and his supporters to halt Tibet protests and attempts to "ruin the Olympics," in order to create the conditions for future roundtable talks.

REUTERS



An image taken from video footage shows a Sudan Airways plane burning on the tarmac of Khartoum airport yesterday.

Plane fire leaves 28 dead

A Sudanese airliner burst into flames after landing in Khartoum overnight in bad weather, killing at least 28 of the 217 people on board, officials said late yesterday.

Khartoum airport's head of medical services, Major-General Mohamed Osman Mahjoub, said authorities had so far established there were 123 survivors but 66 people were unaccounted for. The plane's emergency chutes enabled the survivors to escape.

explosion

» Mabrouk Mubarak Salim, minister of State for Transport, said there was an explosion in the right side of the engine. "So far we don't have precise information but we think the weather is a main reason for what happened."

Twenty-eight bodies had been taken to a nearby mortuary, said Mahjoub, adding that some of the 66 people unaccounted for might have

survived and left the airport during the confusion after the plane fire broke out last night. The nationalities of the dead were not immediately known.

The Sudan Airways plane, identified by Sudanese television only as an Airbus without any model details, was carrying 203 passengers and 14 crew on a flight from Jordan's capital Amman.

A dust storm and heavy rain had hit the airport yesterday, officials said.

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» **ICE** If Arctic sea ice starts melting fast, polar bears and ring seals wouldn't be the only creatures to feel it. A study released yesterday suggests it could spur warmer temperatures hundreds of kilometres inland. That means a possible thaw in the long-frozen soil known as permafrost, which in turn could have severe effects on ecosystems, human infrastructure like oil rigs and pipelines, and the release of more global warming greenhouse gases in Russia, Alaska and Canada, the scientists said.

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are hard to come by?

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\$40 million US worth of Florida tomatoes are in danger of rotting after picking and packing were halted on Saturday as U.S. regulators hunt the source of a salmonella outbreak.

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Bank keeps rates same

Market bet on quarter-point cut

Investors are in for a period of second-guessing the Bank of Canada on monetary policy after a surprise freeze on interest rates exposed a rare disconnect between the market and policymakers.

The bank held its overnight rate steady at 3 per cent yesterday due to inflation concerns. The market had bet on a quarter-point cut.

Governor Mark Carney,

transparency

» The bank prides itself on transparency in setting monetary policy. A loss of credibility could create uncertainty in financial markets and lead consumers to doubt the bank's ability to attain its goal of low and stable inflation.

who vowed to improve transparency after taking office in February, is simply paying heed to the very sudden threat from soaring oil prices, analysts said. **REUTERS**

Fosters Group CEO quits



A man walks out of the Fosters Group head office in Melbourne, Australia, yesterday. The brewer's chief executive resigned as the company cut its profit forecasts and began a review of its wine business whose expansion he had overseen.

THE DAILY BUSINESS BUZZ

Broadcast deal:

DHX Media Ltd. of Halifax has signed a broadcast deal with PBS KIDS Sprout, the first 24-hour preschool destination for kids ages 2-5 and their parents and caregivers. PBS will debut Franny's Feet on July 4 in a part of its Summer Fun Fridays event.

Award for Hillier:

Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Rick Hillier has been presented with the first ever President's Award for Outstanding Public Relations and Communications Manage-

ment by Derrick Pieters, president of the Canadian Public Relations Society during its national conference in Halifax.

Make It Real winners:

Yellow Pages Group announced yesterday the winners of its Make It Real: Better Businesses for Better Communities program. Bishop's Celler Ltd. was awarded the \$5,000 Platinum prize and Sore Spots Massage Therapy was awarded the \$2,500 Gold prize.

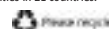
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The Los Angeles Kings yesterday fired Marc Crawford, left, after only two seasons as head coach. Crawford's assistant, Mike Johnston of Dartmouth, was retained by the Kings.

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Spain reigns over Russia

Sweden cruises past defending champions

EURO 2008

Spain striker David Villa suggested that his country could put a 44-year record of under-achievement on the big soccer stage finally behind them when he lit up Day 4 of Euro 2008 yesterday.

Villa, who found the ideal partner in Fernando Torres, grabbed the first hat-trick of the tournament in dispatching Russia 4-1 in Group D in Innsbruck. Cesc Fabregas scored the other Spanish goal.

"I'm very pleased about the way things went, but especially for the three points we've now got under our belts," the 26-year-old striker told reporters. "We all said it was vital to start with a win and we did just that. I'm also happy for the goals, but that's the job I have to do."

In yesterday's other game, Euro 2004 champs Greece succumbed 2-0 to Sweden in a dull match that only came to life 67 minutes in when Zlatan Ibrahimovic broke the ice. Petter Hansson added the second goal five minutes later to put the game out of reach.

REUTERS



David Villa of Spain celebrates after scoring his second goal against Russia yesterday during Group D play at Euro 2008 in Innsbruck, Austria. Villa earned a hat trick in a 4-1 win.

CFL cheerleader feeling the heat

Players constantly jump from team to team as free agents. But cheerleaders?

Asha Tomlinson, 29, may have started something of a trend, at least in the CFL. A former cheerleader for the Toronto Argonauts, Tomlinson is the newest member of the Edmonton Eskimos' cheerleading squad. Interestingly, she also is a reporter and host for Citytv's Breakfast Television in Edmonton.

A five-foot, 125-pounder, Tomlinson is a Toronto native. She admits she's feeling the same type of heat that players do when they bolt.

"My friends in Toronto have a problem with (her cheering for the Eskos)," she said. "They're like, 'What are you doing? Eskimos? Where's your loyalty?' But I'm an Edmontonian now."

Check out Asha at www.citytv.com/edmonton/personalities_7472.aspx.

» So some TV station in Britain actually conducted a survey to determine which country in the Euro Cup 2008 competition has the best-looking fans.

Results: Sweden won with 33 per cent, followed by Italy (14 per cent), Spain (eight) and the Netherlands (six). Zilch for Germany, Romania and Turkey.

» New Maple Leafs coach Ron Wilson made it clear at his introductory media conference yesterday that his team will be in transition.



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Translation: Don't expect the Leafs to make the playoffs in 2008-09 and don't criticize the coach for inheriting a dog of a team.

And why would Wilson mention at the conference that he was born in the same Windsor hospital as Richard Peddie? The Leafs' front-office chief isn't exactly Mr. Popular in Toronto these days, is he?

» Big names are swirling in baseball's trade winds.

Power hitters Magglio Ordonez and Adam Dunn are being dangled by the Detroit Tigers and Cincinnati Reds, respectively. One could join the Boston Red Sox, who may need to replace David Ortiz (wrist injury).

Also, Erik Bedard can be had and the Seattle Mariners are listening to offers for the Ontario-born pitcher. The Philadelphia Phillies have offered a pack of prospects. The Blue Jays have mild interest.

Don't be surprised, incidentally, if Seattle fires manager John McLaren tomorrow.

Marty York has been a groundbreaking sports columnist and broadcaster in Canada for decades.

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Game 6 — Tuesday
*L.A. Lakers at Boston, 10
Game 7 — Thursday, June 19
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LAST NIGHT'S RESULTS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Baltimore 10 Boston 6
Cleveland 1 Minnesota 0
Detroit 6 Chicago White Sox 4
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Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels
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Washington 7 Pittsburgh 6
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AMERICAN LEAGUE

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Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, 4:35
Baltimore at Boston, 8:05
Minnesota at Cleveland, 8:05
Chicago White Sox at Detroit, 8:05
Texas at Kansas City, 9:10
N.Y. Yankees at Oakland, 11:05
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington at Pittsburgh, 8:05
Arizona at N.Y. Mets, 8:10
Philadelphia at Florida, 8:10
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 8:10
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs, 9:05
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PRE-SEASON

TOMORROW'S GAMES

Toronto at Montreal, 8

FRIDAY'S GAMES

B.C. at Saskatchewan, 10

Edmonton at Calgary, 10

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GROUP D

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Sweden 1 0 0 2 0 3
Greece 0 1 0 0 2 0
Russia 0 1 0 1 4 0

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Spain 4 Russia 1
Sweden 2 Greece 0

TODAY'S GAMES

Czech Republic vs. Portugal, 1
Switzerland vs. Turkey, 3:45

»sports In Brief

» **NBA** The Los Angeles Lakers battled their way back into the title hunt by defeating the Boston Celtics 87-81 last night, trimming their NBA Finals series deficit to 2-1. Kobe Bryant led the way for L.A., scoring 36 points. Game 4 of the best-of-seven series is scheduled for Thursday in Los Angeles.



Wilson

» **NHL** The Toronto Maple Leafs named Ron Wilson their new head coach yesterday. Wilson was fired by the San Jose Sharks following their elimination in the second round of this spring's playoffs. He spent

four-plus seasons in San Jose and has also coached Washington and Anaheim during a 14-year tenure.

» **NHL** The Anaheim Ducks traded defenceman Marc-Andre Bergeron to the Minnesota Wild yesterday in exchange for a third-round pick in the upcoming NHL entry draft.

» **CFL** Two-time Grey Cup champion and longtime Winnipeg Blue Bombers linebacker Tyrone Jones passed away yesterday after battling brain cancer since August 2005. He was 46.

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Rainmen still league-less

Team still focused on NBA D-League

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

The Halifax Rainmen are still looking for a league.

More than two months after dropping out of the American Basketball Association, the Rainmen are still trying to convince the NBA Development League to let them in.

Rainmen co-owners Andre Levingston and David Dobbin are scheduled to fly to New York City on June 17 to meet with D-League president Dan

Reed, who visited Halifax last month to assess it as a possible expansion site.

Reed said at the time the NBADL was not interested in expansion for the 2008-09 season, instead focusing on 2009-10. He also said Halifax's geographic location doesn't fit well with the current configuration of the western U.S.-based league.

The Rainmen are exploring other options, and would join a lower profile league if the D-League bid falls short. They are basically waiting for an official decision from Reed.



Reed

"We are willing to do whatever it takes to become a D-League team and we will continue to negotiate as long as we have to," Levingston said in a press release yesterday.

NBADL spokesman Larry Berger said there is "no official cutoff" date for ruling out expansion in 2008-09.

The Premier Basketball League is a likely backup plan, as it has already welcomed two other ABA dropouts — the Vermont Frost Heaves and Manchester Millrats.

The Rainmen went 12-20 in their inaugural season, averaging crowds of roughly 1,800 per game.

Silence golden in Minnesota

Lack of criticism from coach is good sign for Sheppard

By MATTHEW WUEST
Metro Halifax

The sound of silence is the sound of success when you're a teenage NHL rookie with the Minnesota Wild.

Just ask Lower Sackville's James Sheppard, who cracked the Wild roster at age 19 last fall and quickly learned what it took to please famously demanding head coach Jacques Lemaire.

"It's hard to judge where you are or if you're doing the right things, but he always said, 'If I'm not talking to you, you're not doing anything wrong,'" Sheppard recalled. "He didn't talk to me too much so I knew I was doing all right."

Sheppard appeared in 78 of 82 games — a Wild rookie record — in a solid rookie campaign, averaging 10 minutes of ice time and collecting four goals and 15 assists.

He made his NHL debut on Oct. 10, but said it took some time for it to sink in that he had finally made it.

"Once I realized, 'Hey, I'm here, I can do some damage of my own,' it helped me relax," Sheppard said.

He started the year at training camp with the Cape Breton Screaming Eagles, but after an eight-point game in the QMJHL pre-season, it was clear he'd be moving on.

By the time everything was said and done, the Dartmouth Subways graduate was earning occasional shifts with Slovakian snipers Marian Gaborik and Pavol Demitra.



RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY IMAGES

Lower Sackville's James Sheppard played in 78 games for the Minnesota Wild this past season, and in doing so, he set a team rookie record.

Sheppard, who raked in nearly \$1 million in salary, is glad he didn't end up back in junior for another season.

"I improved so much and I got stronger, on and off the ice," he said. "I'm more mature and it's something that wouldn't have happened if I stayed here another year."

He lived with former Wild forward Darby Hendrickson — putting a dent in Hendrickson's pickup truck less than 24 hours after meeting him — and said he built a close friendship with 23-

year-old Wild goaltender Josh Harding.

The 6-foot-1, 215-pound forward is back in Nova Scotia this summer. He attended the QMJHL draft in Sydney on Saturday and has an apartment in Halifax with current Screaming Eagles captain Chris Culligan and another friend.

He's going to work out hard this summer, and hopes to earn a more prominent role with the Wild in the fall.

"I've had more points in the past and I'm obviously not going to get that many in the NHL," he said. "But I have bigger goals for next year. I'm rarin' to go. I want to play right now."

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Huskies expected to name coach today

The Saint Mary's Huskies are expected to announce Scott Munro as their new women's basketball coach today.

The position opened up last month when longtime bench boss Jill Jeffrey parted

ways with the school.

Munro has served as head coach of the King's Blue Devils women's team for six years and was named Atlantic Colleges Athletic Association coach of the year last

season. He led Nova Scotia to a bronze medal at the 2005 Canada Games.

Saint Mary's will be one of four schools in Atlantic University Sport with a new women's coach next season.



Need a snooze before you take off at Heathrow? Hit the newly refurbished Urban Retreat spa at Terminal 1 for a 15-minute power nap in one of their Metro Nap Energy Pods. METRO WORLD NEWS

Wednesday, June 11, 2008

Lima more than just a stopover

Capital is a mix of surf, seafood and tons of history

Long considered just a stopover on the way to the famous Inca ruins at Machu Picchu, Lima has emerged as a destination spot of its own in recent years. Here's how to get the most from a weekend visit in the Peruvian capital:

friday

4 P.M. No time to lose. Get in touch with Lima's humble roots by going to the market in Chorrillos, where you can buy fish fresh off the boat. Meander around the wharf, which looks delightfully out of place in the middle of a major city.

6 P.M. Grab a coffee at Cafe Haiti (160 Avenida Diagonal, Miraflores), a cool cafe that overlooks Kennedy Park, smack in the centre of Miraflores madness. People-watch as you sip your drink and ponder the cafe's slogan, printed on purple coasters: "Business and Love." Wander the side streets to look for little houses pulled straight from the nostalgic novels of Mario Vargas Llosa.

8 P.M. Take advantage of Lima's gastronomic renaissance by dining at one of the city's finest restaurants — Cala, a sophisticated seaside joint with great views of the water. It's sleek, trendy, but not in-your-face about its coolness. The menu is contemporary, specializing in seafood and fish.

saturday

9 A.M. Rise and shine. For breakfast, pop into Las Delicias juice bar and order a drink made from one of the exotic, tropical fruits typical of the region (across the street from La Mar 770, Miraflores). Granadilla and lucuma, which locals say only grows in Peru, are classics.

11 A.M. Grab a taxi and head downtown. Get out at Plaza Mayor and watch the changing of the guard, a bizarrely formal affair with marching toy-like soldiers. Push past the requisite horde of tennis-shoed tourists and pop your head in at the Cathedral of Lima, where Spanish conqueror Francisco Pizarro is said to have laid the first stone.

1 P.M. Walk to the San Francisco Church, known for its catacombs. Take a tour to go underground and see the dry bones and skulls of some 70,000 people, arranged in artistic circles.

3 P.M. Head to the Museum of the Inquisition to learn about torture techniques. Waterboarding, which has come under recent attack in the United States, was a common practice at the time, especially for women, as it was considered a "kinder" way to extract information. The wax-like, human-size models leave little to the imagination.

5 P.M. Time to relax. Head to Hotel Bolivar, the elegant, blue-velvet hotel that reigns over Plaza San



The fountain in front of the cathedral in Lima.

Martin. Try Peru's national drink — the pisco sour, a frothy, egg and brandy concoction that packs a serious punch, but goes down smooth.

8 P.M. For dinner, head to Astrid y Gaston, the flagship restaurant of Chef Gaston Acurio. The food is excellent and Gaston is famous for turning foodies onto the gamut of Peruvian cuisine.

11 P.M. Go dancing! Head to El Dragon, a hip fusion club that attracts a young crowd. Or, slide on your fancy shoes and go to Gotica, an upscale club in LarcoMar, the seaside mall in Miraflores.

sunday

6 A.M. Surf's up! If you are an energetic early bird, stroll down the cobblestone walkway of the Bajada Balta to the beach. Rent a surfboard and wetsuit to insulate yourself from the chilly Pacific Ocean. Brave the consistently good waves that offer some of the best surfing of any big city. Ignore the people who say the water is polluted.

10 A.M. Late risers can greet the morning by going for a leisurely walk along the oceanfront parks in Miraflores, perched atop steep cliffs.

Alternatively, if you want a truly bird's-eye view, hop on a paragliding tandem flight. Pass through "Love Park" where couples of all ages gather to cuddle and coo like teenagers.

NOON Political buffs should hop over to the National Museum to check out the display on the Maoist Shining Path guerrillas who destabilized the country in the 1980s and 1990s before the rise of the autocratic President Alberto Fujimori, who now stands trial on charges of human rights abuses.

1 P.M. A trip to Peru is not complete without trying ceviche, a classic seafood dish, originally eaten by the Incans, served with a spicy citrus sauce that both gives the fish flavour and "cooks" it. Try the unassuming but tasty Punto Azul (Benavides 2711, Miraflores).

2 P.M. Time to shop. Head to the arts and crafts market in Miraflores to burn whatever might be left of your soles, Peru's currency. Spend time poking around the maze of small stalls to find the handicrafts you want to take home.

4 P.M. Though you might not have time to visit the Inca ruins at Machu Picchu in southwest Peru or any of the other archeological wonders that line the coast, the ruins at Huaca Pucllana are just a stones throw from downtown Lima. Explore ongoing excavations and the zoo. Finally, relax and take in the sunset with your cocktail at the striking on-site restaurant. REUTERS

High-rolling on the high seas

At \$55,000 a week, a luxury yacht cruise through British Columbia's Gulf Islands isn't for the fiscally challenged. The Pacific Yellowfin draws a clientele of high-rollers who don't mind dropping some coin on a pimped-out holiday. A week on this cruise costs more than I make in a year, yet there I was embracing first-class living on

this two-night, three-day expedition.

The Pacific Yellowfin is a classic wooden ship, with a history as diverse as Forrest Gump's. Through the years she's been a World War II coastal freighter, a tuna research vessel and a houseboat that accommodated a hippie commune of flower power. She's searched for Che Guevara and was in-

involved in the Bay of Pigs.

Today the Pacific Yellowfin is owned by Captain Colin Griffin, an Irishman who renovated and converted it into a luxury charter yacht — a 114 footer that sleeps eight.

For those who dig boats, a trip to the engine room is yacht porn. Chief Engineer Jack Dixon, 71, showed me the slow turning engines built in 1939 and the reserve tanks containing 18,000 gallons of diesel.

We anchored at Lyall Harbour and toured the inlets. The Gulf Islands are home to orca whales, har-

julia's tips

» Exposure, a Vancouver-based tour operator specializing in luxury travel, offers the "Gulf Island Gourmet," a three-day expedition aboard the Pacific Yellowfin. For more information visit www.exposure.travel.

bour seals and Steller sea lions. With this calibre of animal viewing, it's hard to imagine that I was only a 20-minute seaplane flight away from downtown Vancouver.

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Toyota's perfect combo

Matrix mixes economy, sport and utility

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Halifax

Toyota used an ultra-hip specialty car show when it debuted its new Matrix five-door to instill it with an instant 'cool' credibility. That move might have come about because the average buyer of the last Matrix was over 50 ... and Toyota wants to skew that demographic more towards the lucrative youth market.

Built in California alongside its Pontiac Vibe mechanical twin — and also in Cambridge, Ont. — the Matrix wagon blends the "affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style, image and performance of a sports car."

Wider and lower, this edgy-looking second-generation Matrix shares its engine lineup with its GM cousin, starting with a fuel-conscious 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine producing 132 horsepower. Toyota, however, uses its own variable valve timing system to maximize engine performance and fuel economy.

For those craving a bit more grunt, the Matrix also offers a 158 hp, 2.4-litre 'four'.

Pricewise there's something for every budget,



Matrix blends the affordability of a subcompact sedan and functionality of an SUV with the style and performance of a sports car.

starting at a low-low base price of \$15,705 for the base front-wheel-drive model with manual transmission. Standard is a four-speaker AM/FM/CD/MP3 sound system with auxiliary input jack, rear-seat heater ducts and side window defoggers, 60/40-split fold down rear seat, rev counter, outside temp gauge, digital clock, dual vanity mirrors, tilt-telescopic steering wheel, tonneau cover, cargo-area lighting, lots of storage, an engine immobilizer and foldable power-heated side mirrors.

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2009 Toyota Matrix	
• Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon FWD	DOHC/2.4L L4 DOHC
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• Lots of choices	• Return of all-wheel-drive availability
• Better looks	

air conditioning, keyless entry, power windows and locks, rear bumper protector and a tire pressure monitoring system. The \$3,965 Touring Package brings the 'B'

items plus 16-inch alloy wheels, cruise control, a rear spoiler, scuff plates and fog lamps.

All of which still allows the Matrix to list at under 20

grand with a five-speed manual. The automatic is an additional \$1,010.

Moving up the \$19,180 Matrix XR, its bigger 2.4-litre engine offers a significant power boost.

A great decision was to bring back the all-wheel-drive Matrix, equipped with the 2.4 engine and only available with the four-speed automatic at \$22,330.

It's a base Matrix, plus keyless entry and hatch release, an upgraded lighting system, variable-speed wipers, tire pressure monitoring, power locks and climate control. An

all-wheel-drive XR will set you back \$24,945 with the Sport package going for \$26,855.

At the top of the range is the \$25,220 Matrix XRS. Performance differences over the other models include beefier suspension bits and 18-inch wheels.

Any way you look at it, the Matrix is just about all the vehicle you'll ever need and, with its combination of stylish design, good options and aggressive pricing, it's a lot more versatile, sporty and fun-to-drive than similarly priced small sedans.



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Buzz around crossovers

CUVs edging out SUVs in consumer interest: Report

The gap in buyer interest between crossover utility vehicles (CUVs) and sport utility vehicles (SUVs) continues to widen, according to a report released by NADAguides.com.

The company, a vehicle pricing and information website, says consumer in-

terest in crossovers increased 14.8 per cent in April 2008 compared to the same period a year ago, while SUV interest was down at almost the same rate of 15.9 per cent during that same timeframe.

'Crossovers' are defined as vehicles that have characteristics of both SUVs and cars.

Three out of the top ten CUVs showing the greatest increase in consumer inter-

est last month compared to April of last year were hybrids, with interest in the Mercury Mariner Hybrid (not sold in Canada) growing 165.3 per cent and interest in the Ford Escape Hybrid and the Toyota Highlander Hybrid increasing 73.8 per cent and 50.9 per cent respectively.

Crossovers to watch in the coming months include the two new CUVs — the 2009

Dodge Journey and the '09 Ford Flex. The Journey is Dodge's first crossover to seat up to seven passengers with an optional third row.

It has features such as a rearview camera and built-in booster seats. The Ford Flex, with its slab-sides and unique look, arrives this summer. Available features include all-wheel-drive, a multi-panel Vista Roof and refrigerated second-row console.



Ford Escape Hybrid.



The new Journey is Dodge's answer to that increasingly popular entry-level 'crossover' segment.

Dodge Journey maps new territory

By B. MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Halifax

The new Journey is Dodge's answer to that increasingly popular entry-level 'crossover' segment. Aimed straight at the Toyota RAV4, Hyundai Santa Fe, Kia Rondo, Mazda5 and others, the Journey gives Dodge a decent shot at respectability in a market sector virtually dominated by Asian nameplates.

The Journey is based on Dodge's proven Avenger platform, although the wheelbase has been stretched 124 mm to accommodate an optional third-row seat. It sits a little higher, too, but the overall length has only grown by 43 mm.

There are four versions to choose from, all well equipped: the Journey SE CVP (Canada Value Package) at \$19,995; Journey SE Plus which starts at \$20,995; the \$24,995 Journey SXT; and the range-topping R/T model at \$27,995.

Both SE models get a 173-horsepower 2.4-litre four-cylinder engine while those seeking more punch in the



The Dodge Journey comes with dual glove boxes equipped with Chill Zone beverage storage.

power department will likely go for the 235 hp 3.5-litre V6 found in the SXT and R/T trim.

The only transmissions available are automatics: a four-speed on the SEs and a six-speed for V6-powered models.

Front-drive is standard, although an electronic all-wheel-drive system that can split power up to 60:40 front-to-rear is optional on the SXT and R/T.

The Journey also follows recent Dodge designs inside, with storage bins in the second-row floor wells, under the passenger seat and, of course, the dual glove boxes with the Chill Zone beverage storage. The optional third-row seat, unlike many of its competitors, is available across the line as a \$1,175 option.

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Country star Taylor Swift, left, will reportedly make a cameo appearance in *Hannah Montana: The Movie*. PEOPLE.COM

How do you pick Maria?

Three area actresses part of CBC reality show

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

How do you solve a problem like Maria? The answer might come in the form of a young Nova Scotia actress.

Three Bluenose-born women are in the running for an opportunity to play the more-song-than-spirit novice nun in a Toronto version of



Among the judges taking part in *How Do You Solve A Problem Like Maria?* is legendary theatre producer Andrew Lloyd Webber, second from right. BELOW: Tamara Fifield is among the Nova Scotians vying for the opportunity to play Maria von Trapp in the Toronto stage production.

The Sound Of Music. "Being Maria, well she is such a classic character, and so many people forget she was a real person," said Dartmouth's Kyla Tingley. "That is why getting to bring her to stage is important to me."

The Acadia University graduate — along with Truro's Tamara Fifield and Middleton's Michelle Langille — is among 48 Maria von Trapp-wannabes who will be featured on the first episode of *How Do You Solve A Problem*

Like Maria? The new reality series, which premieres on CBC Television this Saturday, will see the actors put through their paces at Maria camp; an intense regiment of acting, singing and dance.

From there, 10 finalists will be selected by a panel featuring Andrew Lloyd Webber, with one actress earning a chance to become one of the most recognizable characters in musical theatre.

"It's probably one of the biggest opportunities going on right now," said Langille, from Middleton.

She said that during her boot camp audition, the judges wanted each of the young women to take their time and enjoy their moment

in the spotlight — and in front of the TV cameras recording every minute.

"I was in the audition room, and I did my song, and they worked on it with me three times and it was really hard, and a blur," Langille said. "I felt confident, but you are never sure what is going to happen. They said, 'Do we like her?' and one guy said 'We love her.'"

Fifield, who applied on a whim while studying at Memorial University, said she has watched the movie version of the musical since she was a child.

"It was neat being there. I didn't know anyone, but it was great to meet all these people who were passionate about the same thing I am passionate about," said Fifield.

"We told the producers, you aren't going to see too much cattiness," added Tingley.



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» NORTH BY NORTHEAST

A number of Nova Scotia-based musicians will be performing this weekend as part of the North by Northeast Music Festival and Conference in Toronto. Among the performers are Sloan, Dave Gunning, Mardeen, The Trews, Old Man Luedecke, The Superfantastics (pictured above), Rich Aucoin, and Matt Mays and El Torpedo. More information is available at www.nxne.com.

» **LIKE A ROCH** Edmunston, N.B.-born singer Roch Voisine is performing at the Rebecca Cohn Auditorium tonight. The 7:30 p.m. show will feature Voisine sing in French and English. Tickets are \$51. Call 494-3820.

» **FUNDRAISER** The Public Service Alliance of Canada is hosting a fundraiser for the Stephen Lewis Foundation: HIV/AIDS in Africa foundation on July 7. The event will feature the Toronto Children's Concert Choir & Performing Arts Company, and will be hosted by Global TV's Allan Rowe. Also appearing is spoken word artist Shauntay Grant. The event will take place at Pier 21 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and \$20. Call 443-3541 or visit Outside the Lines book store on Quinpool Road.


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Turning screen to stage

By DEAN LISK
Metro Halifax

Ian MacDermid has a rule when it comes to plays or musicals that have been turned into films.

"I end up with pre-conceived characters," said the

more information

» What: Dartmouth Players presents *The Spitfire Grill*
» Where: Dartmouth Players Theatre, 33 Crichton Ave.
» When: Tonight through June 28.
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community theatre director.

"And, whenever I cast people, I ask them never to go out and watch a movie because I want them to develop their own characters. Some listen to me, some don't."

MacDermid's newest Dartmouth Players production is a stage version of *The Spitfire Grill* — a 1996 film starring Ellen Burstyn.

It is about a young woman who moves to a small town in Wisconsin, where she slowly starts to change the lives of those around her.

"I loved it," MacDermid said about the story.

"I like characters with some depth to them, and

some interesting quirks. Plus, I love musicals. So when I can combine the two of those, it's magical."

The music, he added, is also hummable.

Unlike the film version, this is a modern day musical, with lyrics and music written by James Valcq and Fred Alley.

"This is the first play I've done which is based on a movie, but there are plays I have done which were turned into films," MacDermid said.

"I directed *Bus Stop* last year, and it wasn't until the run was over that I watched it.

"I thought our production was better."

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Anti-heroes rule summer

Flawed characters find more space on the big screen

By STEVE GOW
for Metro Halifax

In the upcoming *Incredible Hulk* movie, Edward Norton utters a phrase that perhaps best epitomizes the big-

screen superhero: "When I lose control, it's very dangerous to be around me."

No kidding! Anyone who unwittingly turns into a rampaging green monster when they're ticked off is definitely somebody I'd rather not sit across from at the euchre table. But, as a superhero, shouldn't we admire The Hulk's feats and

noble qualities instead of fear him?

Well, not necessarily. When a character is reluctant, flawed or devoid of the attributes we associate with altruistic heroism, that character is called an anti-hero and there are few better examples than The Hulk. Whereas traditional heroes brave danger for the sake of

others, the character of Bruce Banner merely copes with the gamma-radiation accident that reluctantly turned him into a monstrous rage.

While anti-heroes have been prevalent in cinema since the days of pulp fiction (think Sam Spade in *The Maltese Falcon*), they only continue to increase in popularity. Many critics argue



The Hulk is a classic example of a big screen anti-hero.

that this advancing popularity is hinged on a cynical recognition that people find naturally-flawed characters more believable.

This summer surely vindicates that notion. In addition to the *Incredible Hulk*, such movies as *Wanted*, *Hellboy 2*, *Death Race* and even *Indiana Jones* are relying on the anti-heroic traits of their lead characters to attract audiences.

It began with *Iron Man*, a superhero whose alter-ego is fraught with human frailties. A loner who drinks, smokes and womanizes; by comparison, he makes Superman look like a Quaker.

Vengeance is often an attribute of anti-heroism. This summer, its best represented with *The Dark Knight*. Not only does that film feature the vigilante justice of Batman but it introduces an even more dubious anti-hero in Harvey Two-Face (Aaron

Eckhart), a district attorney who transforms into a savage killer. Two-Face is the consummate anti-hero in that, being on the side of justice, he only kills the bad dudes — a morally complex question to be sure.

Then there is Will Smith. In his new action-comedy *Hancock*, he simply plays a hard-drinking superhero that's described as "edgy, conflicted, sarcastic, and misunderstood"; he even seems to get jiggy by threatening little kids.

While these characteristics aren't admirable, we still empathize with anti-heroes because they represent our own flaws and thereby embody the promise that we too can overcome our frailties for the greater good. As for me, well, I'm just relieved my central frailty doesn't happen to be a bad attitude and green skin.

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— Devis Waitley and Remi L. Witt, *The Joy of Working*, 1985

Jesse takes Departure

By SANDY CAETANO
for Metro Halifax



UNIVERSAL MUSIC PHOTO

Following the incredible success that *Bleeding Love* — the smash single from British pop singer Leona Lewis — achieved on international charts, Jesse McCartney is in demand.

McCartney, who collaborated with OneRepublic's Ryan Tedder to write *Bleeding Love*, says he now has many new writing opportunities to choose from.

McCartney had known about Tedder's writing abilities for a while, and so the pair decided to meet up prior to the release of OneRepublic's radio and ringtones hit *Apologize*.

McCartney says he was in the studio working with Tedder on material for *Departure* — McCartney's latest studio album — when they

Jesse McCartney's latest album, *Departure*, was released last month.

came up with the tune *Bleeding Love*. The track didn't make the cut on *Departure*, so it was temporarily put aside while the album was recorded.

Unlike his previous albums, *Departure* is just that — an effort to move on to something new and different.

"The last couple of years have been interesting, I feel like I've opened a new chapter... got my own place now, been single for a year and a half," says McCartney about the basis for his songs. "It's honest, and I feel like the fans appreciate stuff like that... makes for great songwriting."

director

Egoyan to explore love in new film

MOVIES Writer-director Atom Egoyan will blend reality and fantasy in his next film, the love triangle *Seven Wonders*, Reuters reports.

Wonders, Reuters reports.

The project centers on a woman named Pandora who, after her own relationship goes south, becomes consumed by a relationship between a commercials director and the director's boyfriend, even following the helmer as she shoots commercials at the *Seven Wonders of the World*.

"It's an intimate story that I think can be harnessed on a larger canvas," Egoyan said. "The *Seven Wonders* are an escape from our lives, places where we can believe in something larger."

books

Leary's wife bases novel on fame

PEOPLE The wife of comedian Denis Leary sends up Hollywood, marriage and celebrities in her new novel that is based on her experiences of dealing with her husband's fame and observations of film stars, Reuters reports.

Ann Leary's first novel, *Outtakes From A Marriage*, which was recently released in the United States, was written after 25 years of watching her husband, a libertarian stand-up comedian and actor, rise from obscurity to wide recognition.

movies

The Smurfs set for the big screen

ANIMATION Classic children's cartoon characters *The Smurfs* are coming to life in a new live action/animated movie, imdb.com reports.

Shrek 2 and *Shrek The Third* writers David Stem and David Weiss are set to pen the screenplay after bosses at Columbia Pictures and Sony Pictures bought the rights to a *Smurfs* movie.

The *Smurfs* first appeared in 1958.

REACH FOR THE TOP:

There were high-fives all around at the CBC this week with the announcement that 20th Century Fox Television had bought U.S. rights for an adaptation of *Little Mosque On The Prairie*.

There had, apparently, been interest in the show south of the border for some time before Fox and Westwind Pictures announced the deal at Banff's World Television Festival, and the Canadian producer had been negotiating with Fox before the Hollywood writers' strike forced them to take a temporary break.

According to a Hollywood Reporter story, the deal doesn't preclude the original Canadian version from being aired stateside, and Westwind's Mary Darling, executive producer of the CBC version said that they were pleased with the



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deal.

"Fox got the creative vision of the show, that it has to be funny while it treads sensitively on certain Muslim issues," Darling told the *Hollywood Reporter*.

I'm aware that Canadians — and especially Canadian media executives — are programmed to say things like this, but here's where I really start to worry. Treading sensitively might sound like a prudent course for a politician, but it's a sure recipe for bad comedy, and I'd

like to hope that whoever ends up making Fox's version of *Little Mosque* — no writer has been attached to the show, yet — will not tread lightly, around any issues, Muslim, Christian, Buddhist, Jewish, Jain, Hindu or Zoroastrian.

I am not a fan of the CBC show, not because of its subject matter or setting, but because it's simply dire comedy, limp, lifeless, bad-dump-dump comic set-up and delivery that feels dated, and manages to channel the stalest essence of three-camera, laugh-track sitcoms in a single-camera, laugh-track-free setting — an unrewarding sleight-of-hand that Canadian comedy is too fond of replicating.

The best comedy is cruel and irreverent, and Fox, for all its many flaws (Family Guy, I'm looking at you) is aware of this irrevocable comic law. Anyone hoping



Little Mosque On The Prairie cast, left to right: Zaid Shaikh (Amaar), Sitara Hewitt (Rayyan), Carlo Rota (Yasir), Sheila McCarthy (Sarah) and Manoj Sood (Baber).

to make a comedy that "treads sensitively" would have to either be a fool — or a Canadian.

This is, after all, a country that's made itself an international laughing stock in the last few months with a series of Star Chamber trials convened by national and provincial Human Rights Commissions aiming to proscribe

free speech and freedom of the press, in the interest of making sure we all "tread sensitively."

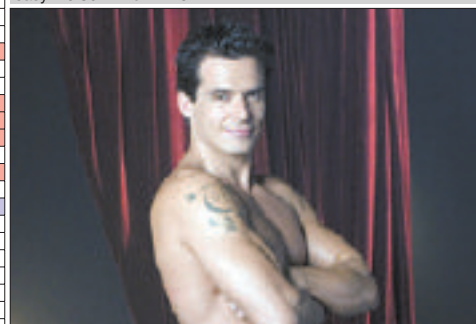
Canadians like to flatter themselves that we're a funny people; we're funny, all right, but in all the wrong ways, I'm sorry to say.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

Celebrity Circus

High-wire walking with the stars, anyone? Seven celebrities learn the ropes — and trapezes and knives — of circus performing in this new competitive reality series. When they're ready for prime time, they show their stuff in hopes of winning enough viewer votes to stay another week. Actor Christopher Knight, model Rachel Hunter and soap star Antonio Sabato Jr. are among those learning firsthand how hard it is to make death-defying acts look easy. 10:30 PM on NBC



Supernanny

They're afraid to take the kids for a walk, and they want to take them on a road trip? OK, then. First, though, Donna and Billy Jo Drake need to get their three children's behavior under control. They have a 4-year-old and a pair of 3-year-old twins whose ram-bunctiousness is off the charts. Mom and Dad are also so overprotective that they panic when they're out walking with the kids. OK, which issue should *Supernanny* tackle first? 10 PM on ABC ASN

Rent-A-Goalie

"Old Yeller," anyone? Maybe shooting Joey (Joe Pingue) isn't necessary, but he is convinced he has rabies after being bitten by one of his fighting squirrels. He locks himself in a room, and it's up to his wife and Cake (Michelle Nolden, Christopher Bolton) to get him out. And the chomping squirrel continues to be on the loose, sending more people to Doc's (Matt Gordon) office. 10:30 PM on SHOW

Men in Trees

Hey, kids, let's put on a show! The people of Elmo have lots of hidden talents, as you'll see when the town talent show gets under way. Money matters have two couples occupied. Marin (Anne Heche) just got a big check and wants to treat Jack (James Tupper), but the idea makes him uneasy. And Sam's (Ty Olsson) approach to money bugs Jane (Seana Koford) on the trip back from New York in the season finale, "Taking the Lead." 11 PM on ABC

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celebritybuzz

Baby girl for Spelling

Tori Spelling and husband Dean McDermott welcomed their second child, a daughter, on Monday, People.com has confirmed. Stella Doreen McDermott was born at 3:13 p.m. in a Los Angeles hospital via C-section. She weighed 6 lbs., 8 oz. and was 19 3/4 inches long, a rep for Spelling says.

The couple also have a 1-year-old son, Liam Aaron. McDermott, 41, has a son, Jack, 9, from a previous marriage.

Spelling, 35, revealed she was expecting a girl in March.

Metro News Services

Extreme diet made Hathaway cry

Anne Hathaway had to endure a gruelling diet to slim down for her role in *The Devil Wears Prada* — insisting she and co-star Emily Blunt would “cry because they were so hungry,” imdb.com reports.

Hathaway plays a journalist who lands her first job on a high profile fashion magazine — and her character is

forced to slim down to fit in with her image-obsessed colleagues.

She says, “I was basically stuck with fruit, vegetables and fish. I wouldn’t recommend that.” Emily Blunt and I would clutch at each other and cry because we were so hungry.” Metro News Services

Theron blasts ‘sad’ celebrities

Oscar winner Charlize Theron has blasted celebrities who constantly court media attention — branding their attitude “ugly,” imdb.com reports.

The actress is sick of fame-obsessed stars, insisting she finds it “sad” to see people strive to be paparazzi fodder. She tells Britain’s Gq magazine:

“It comes across as this really sad need for approval. I’ve heard people make comments like, ‘You don’t really want to be in the tabloids but you need to be for your career’. They believe it’s actually important. It’s not. It’s ugly.” Metro News Services

Bale best dressed

Christian Bale has been named as one of the best dressed men in the world, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The Dark Knight actor has been recognised for his love of sharp suits in a new style list by men’s magazine Esquire. Grammy-award winning US rapper Lupe Fiasco and Cameron Diaz’s rumoured ex-boyfriend,

environmentalist David Mayer de Rothschild, also joined Bale in the top 10.

Esquire fashion director Catherine Hayward said: “Powerful men know how to dress themselves and often stick to a uniform. Each of the men in our list has given a teasing twist to traditional tailoring and made the look entirely their own.” Metro News Services

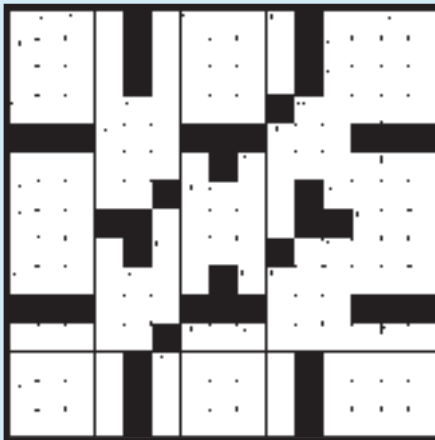
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down»

- 1 Melody
- 2 Computer owner
- 3 Island off Italy
- 4 Underwater weapon
- 5 Quick-witted
- 6 Hindu princess
- 7 Statuesque model
- 8 Kitchen spice
- 9 FL hours
- 10 Most pale
- 11 Pace
- 12 Cod kin
- 13 Not up yet
- 21 Sufficient, in verse
- 22 Jerk
- 24 Little creek
- 25 Goes like a siren
- 26 Michael Caine role
- 27 Andes ruminant
- 28 Viking's inlet
- 29 Laments loudly
- 30 Acclaim
- 31 Harebrained
- 32 Ponytail sites
- 35 Be in debt
- 38 Low cards
- 41 Crochet projects
- 43 After-dinner wine
- 44 Faster! (2 wds.)
- 46 Breakfast grain
- 48 Bother
- 51 Signature
- 52 Press
- 53 Brace
- for trouble
- 54 Summer month
- 55 Go over proofs
- 56 Driftwood bringer
- 57 Gael republic
- 58 Basilica area
- 59 Lunch or brunch
- 61 Cobra kin

across»

- 1 Bird-feeder treat
- 5 Felony
- 10 — Khan
- 14 Nobel Prize city
- 15 Prayer-wheel turners
- 16 Import car
- 17 Kan. neighbor
- 18 Pass legislation
- 19 Nature outing
- 20 Rumor source
- 22 Quoted
- 23 WSW opposite
- 24 "Norma —"
- 25 Salad with apples
- 29 Glove leather
- 33 Tolerate
- 34 "Uptown Girl" singer
- 36 Ocean fish
- 37 "— tree falls ..."
- 38 After-swim need
- 39 Skip stones
- 40 Butterbean
- 42 Brown bird
- 43 Place a call
- 45 Crab legs
- 47 Wedded ones
- 49 Neon or nitrogen
- 50 Get wrong
- 51 Late hours
- 54 Weather maker (2 wds.)
- 60 Diva's tune
- 61 Taxpayer's dread
- 62 Cry of fright
- 63 Eve's opposite
- 64 Sarcastic
- 65 Big Dipper bear
- 66 Comes to a halt
- 67 Falk or Jennings
- 68 Rind

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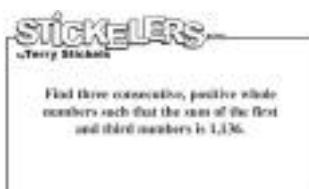


THE DATING WORLD

To get the latest on what's happening in the world of dating, read *Kasia Iglinski's Dating Jungle*.

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instructions»

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

solve time»

Under 13 minutes
13-17 minutes
17-21
21-25
More than 25

Genius
Scholar
Smart
Pretty good
Keep practising

previous answer

8	3	2	1	5	7	4	9	6
1	5	9	6	3	4	2	8	7
6	4	7	2	8	9	1	5	3
2	8	4	9	6	3	5	7	1
5	9	6	4	7	1	3	2	8
3	7	1	5	2	8	9	6	4
4	6	3	7	9	5	8	1	2
9	2	8	3	1	6	7	4	5
7	1	5	8	4	2	6	3	9

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	8				2			7
		7				5		
5	6			1				
4	1	8		2	3			

HOROSCOPE



ARIES | March 21-April 20

You'll get a lucky strike. Keep your wits about you. Don't give in to unappreciative people's whims.



TAURUS | April 21-May 21

The best way to kill time is to keep busy. Clearing of obstacles improves your state of affairs. Confusion will force you to be gracious.



GEMINI | May 22-June 21

A polite guy will improve your mood. Be respectful with someone who is in love. Someone who is ill requires funds.



CANCER | June 22-July 22

Something ends as something else begins. A friend will find a reason to be cheerful. Do all that you can to make up with a man.



LEO | July 23-Aug. 23

Take a break despite opposition. Don't get involved in a heated discussion. A joker needs to get himself a life.



VIRGO | Aug. 24-Sept. 22

Big news reveals much about someone's dishonesty. Be sincere when asked about a bad character. A relative will become a guest.



LIBRA | Sep. 23-Oct. 23

A skilled person causes surprised laughter. A debate with a lazy person gets sticky. You're vexed over a grievance.



SCORPIO | Oct. 24-Nov. 22

A tough task looms ahead. A spat with a buddy isn't over yet. Motivate others with your enthusiasm.



SAGITTARIUS | Nov. 23-Dec. 21

An amusing visitor will put you in a tacky situation. A tireless friend will fix a problem. Work isn't the place for unusual treats.



CAPRICORN | Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Someone will give in after a standoff. A friend changes your feelings about a love match. Challenge authority with a new attitude.



AQUARIUS | Jan. 21-Feb. 18

A stumbling block becomes a laughing matter. Hopefulness works well for you. Ignore complaints made about a friend.



PISCES | Feb. 19-Mar. 20

A problem clears up when someone goes away. A friend will lend you a helping hand. A squalid home causes concern. AVATAR VENUS

This Day IN HISTORY

June 11, 1184 BC: Trojan War: Troy was sacked and burned, according to the calculations of Eratosthenes.

section to protest the lack of religious freedom in South Vietnam.

June 11, 1963: Buddhist monk Thich Quang Duc burns himself with gasoline in a busy Saigon inter-

June 11, 1970: Anna Mae Hays and Elizabeth P. Hoisington officially receive their ranks as U.S. Army Generals — the first females to do so. WIKIPEDIA.ORG

Halifax weather

Afternoon



Variable.
21°

Tonight



Partly cloudy.
13°

Thursday



Variable.
19°/10°

Friday



Partly cloudy.
22°/9°

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Saturday

Mainly sunny.
21°/9°

Temperature

Normals
High: 17.3°
Low: 8.2°

Records

High: 26.7°/1976
Low: 4.1°/1982

Sunrise: 5:28 a.m.
Sunset: 8:59 p.m.
Moonset: 1:32 a.m.
Moonrise: 2:21 p.m.

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